

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The foregoing and other objects, features and advantages of the present invention are described further in the following detailed description, which proceeds with reference to the accompanying drawings.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

To compensate for such varying density the tendons, as in Fig. 16, are offset toward face 14, rather than being equidistant from the mid-plane. Typically, the centerline between a pair of tendons may be offset from the mid-plane toward face 14 by a distance of ~~[[a]]~~as much as 10 percent of the total thickness of the panel.